

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below without prejudice or disclaimer.

1-22. (Previously cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) Protective garment comprising:

an integrally formed garment body of a liquid impermeable material having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;

an absorptive device associated with the first portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body; and

loose fibres directly affixed to at least a substantial part of the second portion of the inner surface of the second portion of the integrally formed garment body and proximate to the absorptive device.

24. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the fibres are affixed to the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body except for a section of the garment body associated with the absorptive device ~~and proximate to the portion of the garment body associated with the absorptive device~~.

25. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein said second portion is formed with multiple perforations to permit passage of perspiration therethrough.

26. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 25, wherein said first portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.

27. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the integrally formed garment body has an outer surface, and
further comprising loose fibres directly affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed garment body.

28. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the liquid impermeable material is rubber.

29. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the fibres are cotton.

30. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the first portion extends beyond said absorptive device.

31. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

32. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 24, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

33. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein said garment is underpants.

34. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 23, wherein said garment is brassiere.

35. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment comprising the steps of:

forming an garment body of a liquid impermeable material, the garment body having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;

associating an absorptive device with the first portion of the inner surface of the ~~integrally formed~~ garment body; and

affixing loose fibres directly to at least a substantial part of the second portion of the inner surface of the garment body and proximally to the absorptive device.

36. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the associating of the absorptive device with the first portion includes contacting the absorptive device while the liquid impermeable material is drying.

37. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the fibres are cotton.

38. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the affixing of fibres includes spraying an adhesive to the part of the second portion and spraying fibres to the part of the second portion.

39. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the affixing of fibres comprises affixed fibres to the inner surface of the garment body except for a section of the garment body associated with the absorptive device ~~and proximate to the portion of the garment body associated with the absorptive device.~~

40. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective garment according to claim 35, wherein the garment body has an outer surface, and further comprising affixing fibres directly to a part of the outer surface of the garment body.

41. (Currently amended) A protective dressing comprising:
an integrally formed dressing body of an elastic liquid impermeable material having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;
an absorptive device associated with the first portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed dressing body; and
loose fibres directly affixed to at least a substantial part of the second portion of the inner surface of the second portion of the integrally formed dressing body and proximate to the absorptive device.

42. (Previously presented) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the fibres are affixed to the inner surface of the integrally formed dressing body except for a section of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device ~~and proximate to the portion of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device.~~

43. (Previously presented) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein said second portion is formed with multiple perforations to permit passage of perspiration therethrough.

44. (Previously presented) A protective dressing according to claim 43, wherein said first portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.

45. (Currently amended) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the integrally formed dressing body has an outer surface, and
further comprising fibres directly affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed dressing body.

46. (Previously presented) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the liquid impermeable material is rubber.

47. (Previously presented) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the fibres are cotton.

48. (Previously presented) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the first portion extends beyond said absorptive device.

49. (Previously presented) A protective dressing according to claim 41, wherein the dressing is a body-tight seamless dressing.

50. (Previously presented) A protective dressing according to claim 42, wherein the dressing is a body-tight seamless dressing.

51. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing comprising the steps of:

forming an integral dressing body of a liquid impermeable material, the integral dressing body having an inner surface with a first portion and a second portion;

an absorptive device associated with the first portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed dressing body; and

affixing loose fibres directly to at least a substantial part of the second portion and proximally to the absorptive device.

52. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the associating of the absorptive device with the first portion includes contacting the absorptive device while the liquid impermeable material is drying.

53. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the fibres are cotton.

54. (Previously presented) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the affixing of fibres includes spraying an adhesive to the part of the second portion and spraying fibres to the part of the second portion.

55. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the affixing of fibres comprises affixed fibres to the inner surface of the dressing body except for a section of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device ~~and proximate to the portion of the dressing body associated with the absorptive device~~.

56. (Currently amended) A method of manufacture of a protective dressing according to claim 51, wherein the dressing body has an outer surface, and

further comprising affixing fibres directly to a part of the outer surface of the dressing body.

57. (Currently amended) Protective garment comprising:
an integrally formed garment body of a liquid impermeable material having an inner surface, the body formed with multiple perforations to permit perspiration therethrough; and
loose fibres directly affixed to at least a substantial portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body.

58. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57 wherein the inner surface has a first portion and a second portion.

59. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 57, further comprising an absorptive device associated with the first portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body.

60. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 59, wherein the fibres that are affixed to the second portion of the inner surface of the integrally formed garment body ~~except for a section of the garment body associated with the absorptive device and~~ are proximate to the portion of the garment body associated with the absorptive device.

61. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim ~~60~~59 wherein said first portion is not substantially perforated, so as to prevent passage of body fluids therethrough.

62. (Currently amended) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the integrally formed garment body has an outer surface, and
further comprising fibres directly affixed to at least a portion of the outer surface of the integrally formed garment body.

63. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the liquid impermeable material is rubber.

64. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the fibres are cotton.

65. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 59, wherein the first portion extends beyond said absorptive device.

66. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

67. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 59, wherein the garment is a body-tight seamless garment.

68. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein said garment is underpants.

69. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein said garment is brassiere.

70. (Previously presented) A protective garment according to claim 57, wherein the garment is a dressing.